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My dear President Reagan:

Let me just say how wonderful it is to see you in good health once again. You and Mrs. Reagan have set such a fine example of courage and dignity in the face of adversity; please know that you have been, and continue to be, in the hearts and the prayers of the American people. God bless you, sir.

I am writing to you today in my capacity as President of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. The approaching summit meeting between you and General Secretary Gorbachev is of gravest concern to the world on so very many levels. But, sir, in the area of Human Rights which you have already announced is to be on your agenda the case of Raoul Wallenberg is of primary concern to millions of Americans who feel that he has been dealt with unjustly for over forty years.

More than sixty million Americans saw the television mini-series about Raoul Wallenberg; we have felt its impact in a significant way here in our office and it is now being shown throughout the world. The Honorary American Citizenship which you signed into Law on October 5th, 1981 must be honored. Raoul Wallenberg has languished in the Soviet Gulag illegally and with no recourse to justice for the past forty years. It is now time that our government must act on his behalf in a more meaningful fashion. He does not need window dressing, he is seventy-three years of age, he needs help. Must he continue to suffer simply because he was willing to act with great humanitarianism and courage in order to save over one hundred thousand of his fellow human beings while much of the world watched and was helpless. He does deserve better; one of the great advantages of his Honorary Citizenship is that it allows the greatest and the most honorable country in the history of the world to put its strength into the battle on his behalf.

You, sir, are in such a unique position to help this great hero. Would you please consider using the power and the influence of your elected position in Raoul Wallenberg's behalf? The Soviet Union has a new leader who seems to be aware of the power of the beau geste. Most of the Soviet

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officials implicated in the Wallenberg Case are no longer living. The one exception, of course, is Andrei Gromyko; but perhaps Mr. Gorbachev may find a positive way out of this dilemma. I believe it can be done; particularly as the name "Wallenberg" was misspelled in the 1957 Gromyko letter. I truly believe that Mr. Gromyko was leaving a crack in the door. The Soviet Union has always done business with the Wallenberg family's banking house, and anyone in the Foreign Office of the Soviet Union would have known how to spell Wallenberg.

At this particular moment in history, it is my personal opinion, that any help on the part of the United States Government would be welcomed by the government of Sweden. There is renewed interest in the Raoul Wallenberg case on a world-wide basis. The recent television mini-series has had great impact in every country in which it has thus far been shown. 60,000,000 Americans watched it last April, and it is certain to be shown several times more. The Raoul Wallenberg Case is not seen as a Jewish issue, but as an American issue by those who take his story and his Honorary American Citizenship seriously. I know, Mr. President, that you are among those who feel most strongly about this outstanding hero.

I pray for your success in Geneva and for your continued good health. God bless you in all that you undertake.

With great sincerity,


Rachel Oestreicher Haspel
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